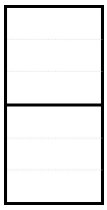
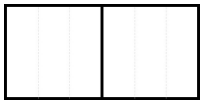
Degree 01 - Sign 01

Being Led by Heaven



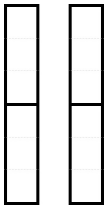


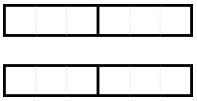
BEING LED BY HEAVEN: SKY, BEING IN CONSTANT MOVEMENT

When I am sky being, sky being;

Then I am taking the vigor of heavenly action as my law.

Inside, I am sheltering in the protection of heaven's leading impulse (strengthening myself without resting); and





Degree 01 - Sign 02

Yielding Heaven on Earth

YIELDING HEAVEN ON EARTH: EARTH, EMBRACING AND PRODUCING A BENEFICIAL PRODUCE

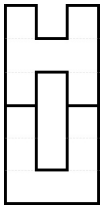
When I am earth yielding, earth yielding;

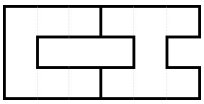
Then I am submitting to principle, embracing and bearing every thing in order to bring beneficial produce.

Outside, I am a fragile vessel of earth's heavenly yield (bringing deep benefits with my virtues).

Degree 02 - Sign 03

Filling the Space Between Heaven and Earth





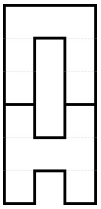
CREATING: SOUND, MOVING A STREAM OF CLOUDS

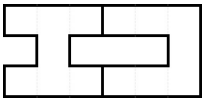
When I am sound moving, water streaming;

Then I am beginning to produce of stream of clean nourishment in order to fill a lake of joy.

Inside, I am expanding toward heaven's leading impulse (beginning the interaction and correspondence between being led by heaven and yielding heaven on earth); and

Outside, I am selecting and choosing from earth's heavenly yield (organizing and weaving a thread across the affairs of the world in order to cross through blockages and difficulties).





GROWING: WATER, STREAMING AND STOPPING FOR DIRECTION

Degree 03 - Sign 04

Growing With and Without Vision

When I am water streaming, mountain stilling;

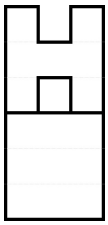
Then I am traveling and stopping when I do not know which direction to go.

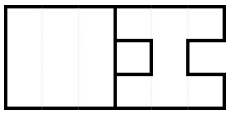
Inside, I am nourishing strength by knowing heaven's leading impulse (nourishing and cultivating my enlightenment and virtue); and

Outside, I am letting out and reining in earth's heavenly yield (learning what is suitable in order to give purpose and resolution to how I will develop and act).

Degree 04 - Sign 05

Needing and Waiting for Nourishment





NOURISHING IDEAS: CLOUDS, RISING TO HEAVEN

When I am sky being, water streaming;

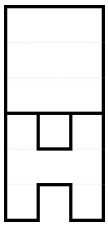
Then I am soaking heaven with a steam which will later bring rain to fill the pool of clean, refreshing nourishment.

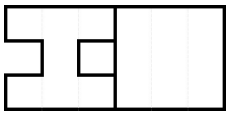
Inside, I am gathering into one unity with heaven's leading impulse (herding my virtues and harmonizing the tendencies of my heart without employing my influence); and

Outside, I am opening and closing doors of opportunity for earth's heavenly yield (remaining content to wait for the moment that the substances of my life become harmonious and orderly).

Degree 05 - Sign 06

Arguing for an Idea





DEBATING IDEAS: WATER, STREAMING FROM HEAVEN

When I am water streaming, sky being;

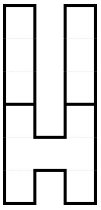
Then I am completing the fight and producing rain.

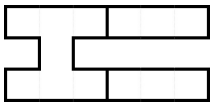
Inside, I am precisely distinguishing heaven's leading impulse (using skills of caution and enlightenment to create while knowing that human inclinations have a way of leading to arguments); and

Outside, I am harvesting in the produce of earth's heavenly yield (severing the start of an argument at its beginning so that it has no reason to result in a fight).

Degree 06 - Sign 07

A Team Gathering





JOINING: WATER, STREAMING WHILE CENTERED IN A YIELDING EARTH

When I am water streaming, earth yielding;

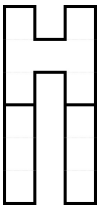
Then I am gathering clean nourishment at the center of yielding heaven on earth.

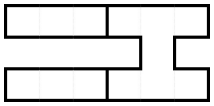
Inside, I am tying my thoughts to the knowledge of heaven's leading impulse (embracing and preserving people); and

Outside, I am guarding against the over-extension of earth's heavenly yield (herding and gathering the crowd).

Degree 07 - Sign 08

Drawing Close Together





EMBRACING: WATER, STREAMING ACROSS THE SURFACE OF AN EARTH WHICH EMBRACES IT

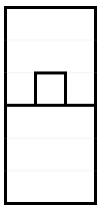
When I am earth yielding, water streaming;
Then I am streaming nourishment to people that are united, unified, and not separated.

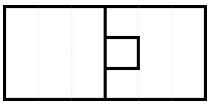
Inside, I am deciphering and filtering the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (describing all of the various states of affairs in the kingdom); and

Outside, I am distributing clean nourishment to earth's heavenly yield (relating to and helping to establish the various elements which govern the kingdom so as to benefit the people and the world).

Degree 08 - Sign 09

Shepherding
Lowliness





SPIRITUALLY BASING: HEAVEN, LOWING A FUROUS WIND AROUND A STILL GROWING TREE

When I am sky being, wind and trees growing and lowing in the wind;

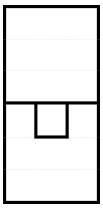
Then I am herding and stopping the virtues of firmness and vigorousness with principles that irritate and infuriate those inclinations).

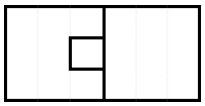
Inside, I am serving the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (softly descending to yield heaven on earth by being led by heaven and submitting myself to the principles of the way of heaven); and

Outside, I am a continuously growing tree of earth's heavenly yield (making my pattern and virtues marvelous and beautiful).

Degree 09 - Sign 10

Treading and
Walking



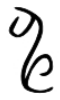


SPIRITUALLY DISTINGUISHING: WATER, PROPERLY POOLING BELOW THE HORIZON

When I am water pooling, sky being;

Then I am giving meaning to respect and humility by placing those inclinations which are led by heaven above those inclinations which are led by personal enjoyment.

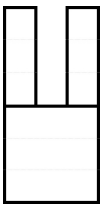
Inside, I am measuring by the accurate weights and measures of heaven's leading impulse (distinguishing and discriminating between the tendencies of people); and

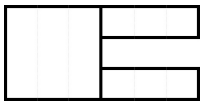


Outside, I am extending enlightenment of earth's heavenly yield (shedding light on how and why those tendencies of a person should be the determining factor to set them in an order of positions within the kingdom).

Degree 10 - Sign 11

Flowing Freely





SPIRITUALLY HARMONIZING: HEAVEN RISING AT EARTH'S HORIZON

When I am sky being, earth yielding;

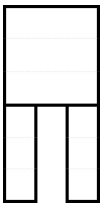
Then I am harmonizing the substances of life to be born and grow to full development.

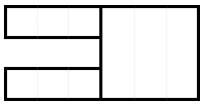
Inside, I am plowing up the hardened soil beneath heaven's leading impulse (using laws and controls to remain fit for the particular moment, to cause what is best for everyone, to help transform and cultivate the consequences of renewal, and to fully develop these virtues into a bountiful and beautiful completion);

Outside, I am storing and using the spirit of earth's heavenly yield (depending on laws and controls of the way of being led by heaven to yield heaven on earth to teach, aid, and assist me in successfully being born and acquiring nourishment).

Degree 11 - Sign 12

Clogging By No Unity





SPIRITUALLY SEPARATING: HEAVEN, RISING ABOVE EARTH'S HORIZON

When I am earth yielding, sky being;

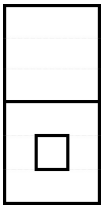
Then I am separating the substances of life in order to stop interacting and developing.

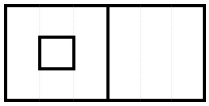
Inside, I am sheltering in the protection of heaven's leading impulse (placing myself in a restricted and hidden position in order to use my virtues in their full capacity); and

Outside, I am trimming away the excesses of earth's heavenly yield (carefully and properly adding to and taking away from my inclinations, and not finding glory in occupying a position with high wages in order to avoid afflictions and difficulties).

Degree 12 - Sign 13

Uniting into One
Same Person





SPIRITUALLY UNITING: SUN AND SKY, AGREEING

When I am light casting, sky being;

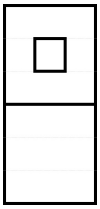
Then I am fire and sky rising together in agreement.

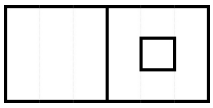
Inside, I am expanding toward heaven's leading impulse (distinguishing and shedding light on what is the same and what is different and never losing the method of putting each thing into its proper place); and

Outside, I am growing the roots of earth's heavenly yield (distinguishing every thing by whether it is noble or small-minded, good or bad, right or wrong, and whether it should be aligned with or explained as improper).

Degree 13 - Sign 14

Having a Great
Grasp





SPIRITUALLY ENLIGHTENING: LIGHT, SHINING ACROSS THE ENTIRE SKY

When I am sky being, light casting;

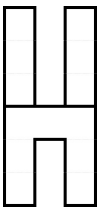
Then I am seeing and revealing that the ways of everyone and everything are infinite and complicated.

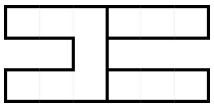
Inside, I am nourishing strength by knowing heaven's leading impulse (alternating between admonishing away from what is bad about something and persuading toward what is good about something in order to bring contentment to everyone and every thing); and

Outside, I am a fragile vessel of earth's heavenly yield (minimizing inclinations that are bad, and revealing inclinations which are good, are honorable, and are beautiful in their reservation to yield heaven on earth by being led by heaven).

Degree 14 - Sign 15

Being Meek





SPIRITUALLY HARMONIZING: A MOUNTAIN, STILL GROWING WITHIN A YIELDING EARTH.

When I am mountain stilling, earth yielding;

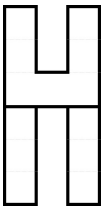
Then I am building a mountain of respectable virtues as the center of yielding heaven on earth.

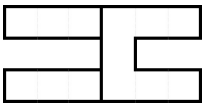
Inside, I am gathering into one unity by heaven's leading impulse (collecting virtues which deserve respect, honor, and reverence as my internal core and being most humble as my external persona); and

Outside, I am selecting and choosing from earth's heavenly yield (increasing proper virtues and taking away from excessive tendencies in order to make my influence be balanced, even, and level).

Degree 15 - Sign 16

Being Happy





REVEALING: EARTH, YIELDING TO THE SOUND OF HARMONIOUS MUSIC

When I am earth yielding, sound moving;

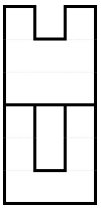
Then I am moving sound in harmony with yielding heaven on earth.

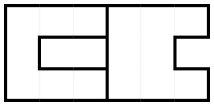
Inside, I am precisely distinguishing heaven's leading impulse (matching progenitors, ancestors, and offspring with the qualities of our highest Lord and master of virtues); and

Outside, I am letting out and reining in earth's heavenly yield (producing, and moving, a sound that is pleasing to the ear while also formally dignifying and celebrating virtues that deserve respect, honor, and reverence).

Degree 16 - Sign 17

Following
Happiness





LISTENING: WATER, BEING MOVED BY SOUND INTERNALLY

When I am sound moving, water pooling;

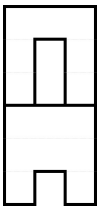
Then I am sounds moving the center of clean, enjoyable, nourishment.

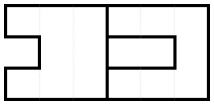
Inside, I am tying my thoughts to the knowledge of heaven's leading impulse (following what is fitting for the moment in every movement that I make and in every circumstance that I encounter); and

Outside, I am opening and closing doors of opportunity for earth's heavenly yield (strengthening without rest outside during the daytime and then welcoming the darkness, welcoming the obscurity, going inside, and resting for contentment during the night).

Degree 17 - Sign 18

Managing Decay





RE-ORGANIZING: WIND, RISING UP A MOUNTAIN

When I am wind and trees growing and lowing in the wind, and mountain stilling;

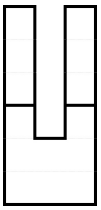
Then I am dusting off the virtues of a calm mountain that has become disordered by the wind.

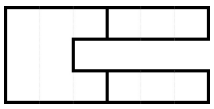
Inside, I am deciphering and filtering the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (nourishing and cultivating my own virtues and cleaning up the inclinations of others); and

Outside, I am harvesting in the produce of earth's heavenly yield (crossing through an obstacle along with the people).

Degree 18 - Sign 19

Keeping a Constant Watch





OBSERVING: A POOL OF JOYFUL NOURISHMENT ENTIRELY EMBRACED BY THE EARTH

When I am water pooling, earth yielding;

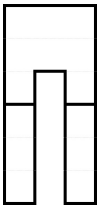
Then I am yielding heaven on earth by embracing and relating to all people and all circumstances with a sense of contentment rather than a sense of exclusion.

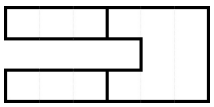
Inside, I am serving the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (relating to others, teaching others, and directing others with an extreme sincerity that is never exhausted); and

Outside, I am guarding against the over-extension of earth's heavenly yield (having a heart that broadly embraces and preserves people, without fail and without exception).

Degree 19 - Sign 20

Contemplating Similarities and Differences





PERCEIVING: WIND, LOWING OVER AND THROUGH EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE ON EARTH

When I am earth yielding, wind and trees growing and lowing in the wind;

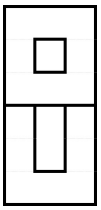
Then I am traveling over the earth and piercing everything with perception.

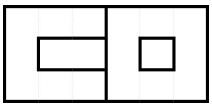
Inside, I am measuring by the accurate weights and measures of heaven's leading impulse (making my rounds, inspecting the customs of the people in every region, teaching about, and governing those customs as the son of heaven); and

Outside, I am distributing clean nourishment to earth's heavenly yield (a wide ranging cause that is extending myself to, and embracing, the infinite number of people and things).

Degree 20 - Sign 21

Forcing Oneself
Through a Problem





ALIGNING: SOUND, MOVING WITH ENLIGHTENMENT

When I am sound moving, light casting;

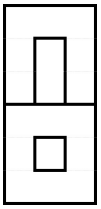
Then I am speech and enlightenment cooperating with one another in order to be effective.

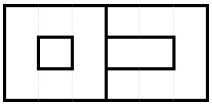
Inside, I am plowing up the hardened soil beneath heaven's leading impulse (constituting a line of defense, putting authority into my laws, and distinguishing my decisions as being worthy of a superior acknowledgment); and

Outside, I am a still growing tree of earth's heavenly yield (sharing enlightenment on the principles of affairs, the principles of the penalties, and the principles of the punishments).

Degree 21 - Sign 22

Adorning the Ideal





CRYSTALIZING: FIRE, RISING AND SHINING LIGHT ON A MOUNTAIN ABOVE IT

When I am light casting, mountain stilling;

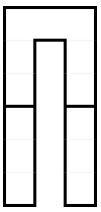
Then I am using the fire of enlightenment to illuminate the grasses, trees, and everything on a mountain of virtues with a bright color which shows its patterns and adornments).

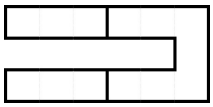
Inside, I am sheltering in the protection of heaven's leading impulse (not carelessly subjecting myself to the risks of an intentional trial without first grasping the realities and inclinations of the obstacle); and

Outside, I am extending enlightenment of earth's heavenly yield (casting light on everything and everyone, completely describing the patterns and the adornments, and correcting the infinite acts by which I am governing).

Degree 22 - Sign 23

Wearing a Crown





MAINTAINING: EARTH, COMPOSING A MOUNTAIN OF VIRTUES

When I am earth yielding, mountain stilling;

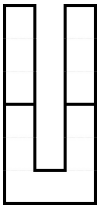
Then I am a lofty mountain that is dependent upon its earth not crumbling and wearing away.

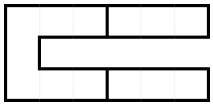
Inside, I am expanding toward heaven's leading impulse (recognizing that people are the only root of the kingdom of heaven, and that when the people feel a sense of certainty, then the kingdom is serene); and

Outside, I am storing and using the sprit of earth's heavenly yield (bringing benefits and a sense of certainly to the people so that they are content in their positions within the mountain of virtues that they compose and support).

Degree 23 - Sign 24

Returning Back to the Way of Being Led by Heaven and Yielding Heaven on Earth





FOCUSING: SOUND, DEVELOPING DEEP WITHIN THE EARTH

When I am sound moving, earth yielding;

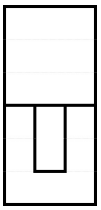
Then I am beginning and nourishing the way of being led by heaven within myself and others.

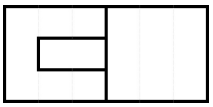
Inside, I am nourishing strength by knowing heaven's leading impulse (being content and tranquil in order to nourish and grow the substance of life which which rises to be led by heaven); and

Outside, I am trimming away excesses of earth's heavenly yield (closing my own gates and submitting to the way of being led by heaven rather than traveling out to sell merchandise or inspect the regions of another).

Degree 24 - Sign 25

Perfecting One's Way





UNITING: SOUND, TRAVELING TO EVERY THING AND EVERYONE UNDER HEAVEN

When I am sound moving, sky being;

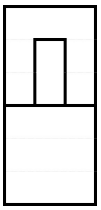
Then I am sound moving in accordance with the way of being led by heaven to yield heaven on earth.

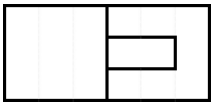
Inside, I am gathering into one unity by heaven's leading impulse (nourishing and cultivating everything and everyone to unite by acquiring what is fitting for each and every particular moment); and

Outside, I am growing the roots of earth's heavenly yield (waking up that which was asleep and stored away, cleaning up the virtues which begin growth, and revealing and producing every thing in its proper way).

Degree 25 - Sign 26

Shepherding Greatness





ACCUMULATING: HEAVEN, GATHERING THE KINGDOM INTO A MOUNTAIN OF VIRTUE

When I am sky being, mountain stilling;

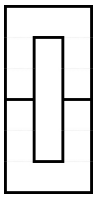
Then I am becoming great by stopping, stilling myself, and accumulating a mountain of proper virtues.

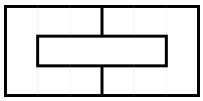
Inside, I am precisely distinguishing heaven's leading impulse (assessing the traces of, and contemplating the function of, the words and actions of the sages and worthies of early antiquity); and

Outside, I am a fragile vessel of earth's heavenly yield (learning, repeating, and examining their words to acquire an understanding of them, to seek their heart, and to accumulate their virtues in order to bring them to full development).

Degree 26 - Sign 27

Feasting on Wisdom





EXPANDING: SOUND, NOURISHING AND REVEALING A MOUNTAIN OF VIRTUOUS GROWTH

When I am sound moving, mountain stilling;

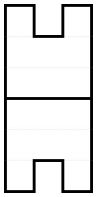
Then I am sound moving a mountain to move its roots and reveal its sprouts.

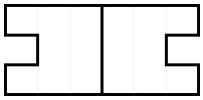
Inside, I am tying my thoughts to the knowledge of heaven's leading impulse (binding together the foods that I eat with the words that I speak in order to properly nourish my virtue and my substance in a way that is suitable, fitting, and without injury from excess or loss); and

Outside, I am selecting and choosing from among earth's heavenly yield (pruning back what I eat and drink to ensure that my commodities, supplies, resources, and the functions that nourish my person are in line with the world; and cautiously choosing my words to make my decrees, governing, and teachings in line as well).

Degree 27 - Sign 28

Greatness
Exceeding





TRANSCENDING: WOOD, RECEPTIVELY GROWING WITHIN A LAKE OF JOY

When I am wind and trees growing and lowing in the wind and water pooling;

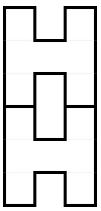
Then I am clean and joyful nourishment soaking into a receptive tree that is guarding against its own destruction.

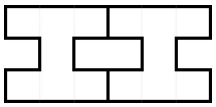
Inside, I am deciphering and filtering the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (employing the ordinary actions of leaving the times, guarding my self, and setting up independently in order to produce results that are greater than the ordinary when the world wrongs me, does not see me, or fails to recognize my virtues); and

Outside, I am letting out and reining in earth's heavenly yield (improving my employment of inclinations in the moment by never exceeding the principle of making direct connections between related people and things, by recognizing when I am exceeding that which is fitting for the particular moment; and by searching for, and extending myself only to, that which is proper).

Degree 28 - Sign 29

Enduring Obstacles





PERPETUATING: NOURISHING WATER, STEADILY INCREASING

When I am water streaming, water streaming;

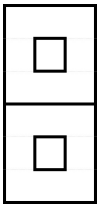
Then I am nourishing water that is flowing down so constantly that people can believe in it.

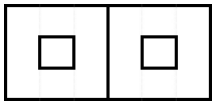
Inside, I am serving the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (maturing others, teaching, and revealing the actions of governing by steadily increasing the maturity of the matters about which I am teaching and making decrees); and

Outside, I am opening and closing doors of opportunity for earth's heavenly yield (perpetually streaming clean nourishment, providing examples, and making my virtuous actions so constant and continuous that I am producing a flow that grows exponentially without being abrupt).

Degree 29 - Sign 30

Casting Clarity





INHERITING: THE SUN, RISING AGAIN

When I am light casting, light casting;

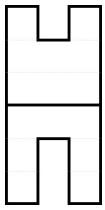
Then I am one light repeatedly connecting with, and shedding light on, the world.

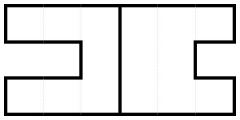
Inside, I am measuring by the accurate weights and measures of heaven's leading impulse (using the enlightenment and virtue of successive generations to illuminate and keep watch over the various regions); and

Outside, I am harvesting in the produce of earth's heavenly yield (in the greatest case, I am inheriting countless ages worth of successive illuminations).

Degree 30 - Sign 31

Stirring Affections





AFFECTING: LAKE OF JOY SOAKING INTO A STILL MOUNTAIN

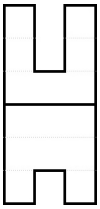
When I am mountain stilling, water pooling;

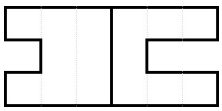
Then I am water gradually soaking deeper into the ground.

Inside, I am plowing up the hardened soil below heaven's leading impulse (creating space in my self to receive people with mutual affection and without private preferences); and

Degree 30 - Sign 32

Lasting Eternally





STAYING: WIND, MOVING SOUND WITH AGREEMENT

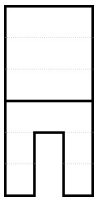
When I am wind and trees growing and lowing in the wind, and sound moving;

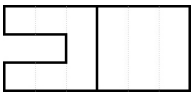
Then I am sound and wind moving eternally together.

Outside, I am guarding against the over-extension of earth's heavenly yield (establishing myself with virtues that are constant, that are not excessively little or excessively much, that are unchanging, and that are not subject to being moved).

Degree 31 - Sign 33

Vanishing and Resting





ADVANCING: MOUNTAIN STILLING WHILE HEAVEN ADVANCES UPWARD

When I am mountain stilling, sky being;

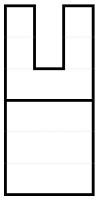
Then I am continuing to advance the virtues of being led by heaven and yielding heaven on earth even while others are still advancing, or have stopped advancing, virtues of their own.

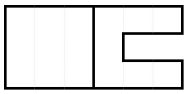
Inside, I am sheltering in the protection of heaven's leading impulse (avoiding hatred and wrath by going far away from small-minded people without speaking things that are offensive or repulsive or implying evil or harm in my facial expressions or behaviors); and

Outside, I am distributing clean nourishment to earth's heavenly yield (spontaneously separating myself from small-minded people by being sympathetic, solemn, authoritative and severe, and by showing others how to be reverent and troubled or concerned by enlightenment or the hearing of sounds moving).

Degree 32 - Sign 34

Moving with Mighty Heaven





GUIDING: HEAVEN, RISING TO LEAD SPEECH, THOUGHTS, AND MOVEMENTS

When I am sky being, sound moving;

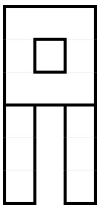
Then I am sound, rising to be led by heaven with a firmness that exceeds the center.

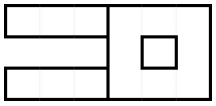
Inside, I am expanding toward heaven's leading impulse (advancing the virtue of my inclinations step by step and only when those steps are in accord with the Procedure of Heaven); and

Outside, I am a continuously growing tree of earth's heavenly yield (being strongest when I am exerting effort to overcome my own nature, my own character, and my own personal interests, selfishness, desires, suffering, and memories and then returning to the Procedure of Heaven to advance my virtue).

Degree 33 - Sign 35

Lifting Oneself





RISING: SUN, RISING AND SHINING OVER THE EARTH

When I am earth yielding, light casting;

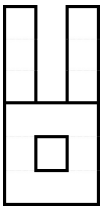
Then I am the sun, making my light bright and my greatness abundant as I go out and add to the light of the world.

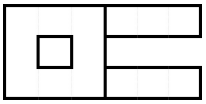
Inside, I am nourishing strength by knowing heaven's leading impulse (illuminating the virtue inside of myself by increasing my knowledge and enlightening myself to that which was previously unknown); and

Outside, I am extending enlightenment of earth's heavenly yield (illuminating the world outside of me by showing the standards of measuring whether an inclination is or is not enlightened.)

Degree 34 - Sign 36

Shining One's Own Light





SETTING: SUN, SETTING BEHIND A LINE OF TREES

When I am light casting, earth yielding;

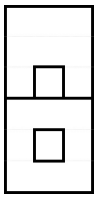
Then I am enlightening others while also providing shade, decreasing my light, and becoming dimmer and dark while entering the center of a yielding earth.

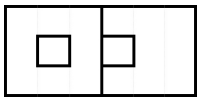
Inside, I am gathering into one unity by heaven's leading impulse (using enlightenment while organizing the people in a way that offers concealment to others so that everyone can relate to and harmonize with me, and so that I am only exposing injuries with a measure of broad inclusiveness); and

Outside, I am storing and using the spirit of earth's heavenly yield (not using an excessive amount of enlightenment, not allowing my own enlightenment to control every situation, and leaving some things without examination so that the inclinations of others are not doubtful, discontented, and splitting away from me).

Degree 35 - Sign 37

Bringing Family Together





RECEIVING: FIRE, BURNING INSIDE AND LOWING OUTWARD

When I am light casting, wind and trees lowing in the wind;

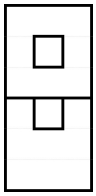
Then I am the fire of enlightenment being born inside of me, then extending outward to my speech, to my actions, and to those around me.

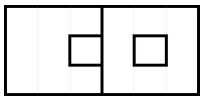
Inside, I am precisely distinguishing heaven's leading impulse (manifesting my virtue and vocation by recognizing that what is on the inside causes what is on the outside; cautiously aligning my words to fit with the reality and state of affairs; and using constant standards, measurements, and laws to first make both my speech and actions prudent on the inside); and

Outside, I am trimming away excesses of earth's heavenly yield (aligning myself with, and not changing a single remark or movement in, the Procedure of Heaven).

Degree 36 - Sign 38

Splitting Apart and Still the Same





SEPARATING: FIRE OF ENLIGHTENMENT RISING ABOVE AND SEPARATING FROM A LAKE OF ENJOYMENT

When I am water pooling, light casting;

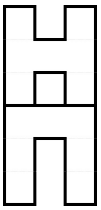
Then I am recognizing what is proper to separate out while remaining within a comparatively larger sense of what is proper to embrace and contain within.

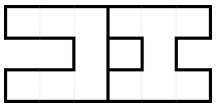
Inside, I am tying my thoughts to the knowledge of heaven's leading impulse (constantly remaining orderly and within the principles of humanity); and

Outside, I am growing the roots of earth's heavenly yield (making use of knowing what is the same and what is different, and remaining capable of being the only person that is different when the customs of the current times are practicing what is wrong or disorderly to the constant principles of humanity).

Degree 37 - Sign 39

Holding Oneself Back





ADJUSTING: AFTER CLIMBING AND BEFORE THE STREAMING OBSTACLE

When I am mountain stilling, water streaming;

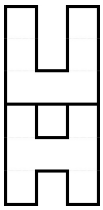
Then I am correcting my self after climbing up a steep mountain of virtues and while waiting for the right moment to cross through a stream of obstacles.

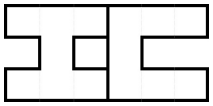
Inside, I am deciphering and filtering the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (bringing back what I have lost, modifying what is not yet good and exhorting my self further when my heart is made consistently whole by removing imperfections); and

Outside, I am a fragile vessel of earth's heavenly yield (seeking various things from within my self, and inspecting and correcting my own self and virtues).

Degree 38 - Sign 40

Loosening Up and Letting Go





EXECUTING DUTY: THUNDER AND RAIN POURING THEMSELVES OUT TO COMPLETION

When I am water streaming, sound moving;

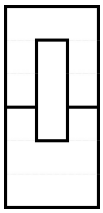
Then I am moving beyond the tension of an obstacle.

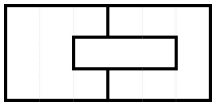
Inside, I am serving the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (cultivating and revealing the way of releasing tension by applying the influence of humaneness and kindness); and

Outside, I am selecting and choosing from earth's heavenly yield (loosening the tension and moving past an obstacle by acting with tolerance to that which is bad and explaining away that which is a shortcoming or an over-extension).

Degree 39 - Sign 41

Taking Advice from Others





ABSORBING: CALM MOUNTAIN, SOAKING IN THE JOY OF CLEAN NOURISHMENT

When I am water pooling, mountain stilling;

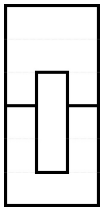
Then I am water soaking high and low into a mountain.

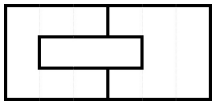
Inside, I am measuring by the accurate weights and measures of heaven's leading impulse (correcting myself and my intentions by taking away from my own personal wrath and desire); and

Outside, I am letting out and reining in earth's heavenly yield (admonishing and warning others about correcting their own intentions, their own wrath, and their own desire).

Degree 40 - Sign 42

Increasing My Own Receptivity and Humility





CONCENTRATING: SOUND AND WIND, HELPING ONE ANOTHER

When I am sound moving, wind and trees lowing in the wind;

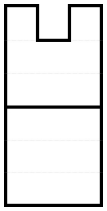
Then I am moving with lowly obedience to fully develop the virtue of my own inclinations.

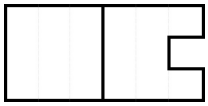
Inside, I am ploughing the soil beneath heaven's leading impulse (increasing the alignment of my inclinations to reach full development); and

Outside, I am opening and closing doors of opportunity for earth's heavenly yield (moving away from excesses and toward the good).

Degree 41 - Sign 43

Dissolving My Own Selfishness





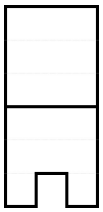
EVAPORATING: SKY, POOLING WATER UP TO HEAVEN

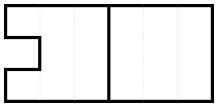
When I am sky being, water pooling;

Then I am joining myself to virtue and extending joy to others.

Inside, I am sheltering in the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (setting up safeguards and prohibitions to protect my contentment); and

Outside, I am harvesting in the produce of earth's heavenly yield (receiving the produce of a joy that has a propensity to diminish).





Degree 42 - Sign 44

Encountering New Experiences

SPREADING HUMIDITY: HEAVEN, AND A WIND LOWING TO ENCOUNTER EVERYTHING BENEATH IT

When I am wind and trees lowing in the wind and sky being;

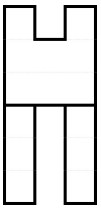
Then I am applying the influence of being led by heaven and yielding heaven on earth without ever avoiding anyone or anything.

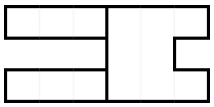
Inside, I am expanding toward heaven's leading impulse (revealing and applying heaven's order and decrees); and

Outside, I am guarding against the overextension of earth's heavenly yield (resourcefully bringing the way of heaven and earth to its full development).

Degree 43 - Sign 45

Meeting
Expectations





GATHERING CLOUDS: EARTH, WITH A POOL OF JOYOUS WATER ASCENDING AND GATHERING ABOVE IT.

When I am earth yielding, water pooling;

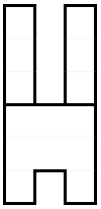
Then I am gathering and raising a lake of joyous wisdom to ascend over the earth's surface.

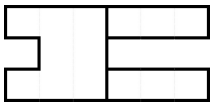
Inside, I am nourishing strength by knowing heaven's leading impulse (making the way of heaven uncomplicated and orderly); and

Outside, I am distributing clean nourishment to earth's heavenly yield (extending warnings to measure and deliberate the ways of driving out inclinations which are bad and decay the kingdom of heaven).

Degree 44 - Sign 46

Rising Above
Expectations





CENTERING AND ASCENDING: LOWING WIND AND TREES, YIELDING GROWTH FROM THE CENTER AND BECOMING LOFTY.

When I am wind and trees lowing in the wind, and earth yielding;

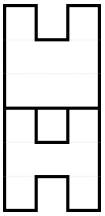
Then I am correcting myself in ways that are minimal and small to reach a development that is lofty and great.

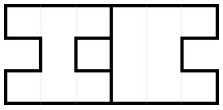
Inside, I am gathering into one unity by heaven's leading impulse (correcting my virtues and accumulating what is good); and

Outside, I am a still growing tree of earth's heavenly yield (bringing my study and vocation to a state of abundance and full development).

Degree 45 - Sign 47

Limiting One's Own Expectations





SUCCEEDING: WATER, STREAMING IN A TENDENCY TO DO WHAT IS GOOD.

When I am water streaming, water pooling;

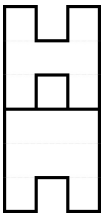
Then I am flowing below a dry, parched, lake.

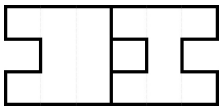
Inside, I am precisely distinguishing heaven's leading impulse (apprehending and defending, and then not being moved by affliction, clog, depletion or distress); and

Outside, I am extending enlightenment of earth heavenly yield (revealing the way of being led by heaven and yielding heaven on earth while putting my duty into action instead of being fearful and troubled at the obstacle).

Degree 46 - Sign 48

Understanding Well





SHARING: LOWING TREES, FORMING A BUCKET TO SHARE WATER WITH THE PEOPLE

When I am wind and trees lowing in the wind, and water streaming;

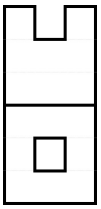
Then I am receiving clean nourishment and making its virtues, functions, and influences into my law.

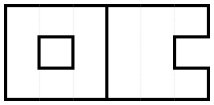
Inside, I am tying my thoughts to the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (tying receptivity to drawing water which is shared to help other people); and

Outside, I am storing and using the spirit of earth's heavenly yield (reassuring and encouraging the people, persuading and exhorting them to help each other).

Degree 47 - Sign 49

Changing
Understanding





STEAMING: FIRE AND WATER, APPROACHING AND SUBDUING ONE ANOTHER

When I am light casting, water pooling;

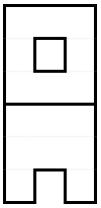
Then I am altering and changing myself in the way of the sequence of the four seasons of heaven and earth.

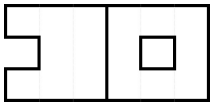
Inside, I am deciphering and filtering the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (setting the calendar in order and unfolding the relocation and change of the sun, moon, stars, planets, and seasons); and

Outside, I am trimming away excesses of earth's heavenly yield (altering, reforming, and aligning myself with the sequence of heaven and earth).

Degree 48 - Sign 50

Aligning a Vessel
with Enlightenment





BURNING: WOOD, RECEPTIVELY LOWING A FIRE TO BURN ABOVE

When I am wind and trees lowing in the wind, and light casting;

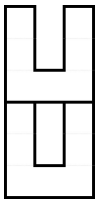
Then I am receptively gathering and stopping my form and substance with proper movements.

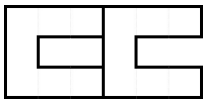
Inside, I am serving the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (being useful, direct, and content); and

Outside, I am growing the roots of earth's heavenly yield (moving directly toward that which is deep, heavy, and brings contentment - even in the smallest of ways).

Degree 49 - Sign 51

Mastering Tools
While Being Shaken





PERPETUATING: SOUND, PERPETUALLY REPEATING THE ABUNDANT AUTHORITY OF HEAVEN.

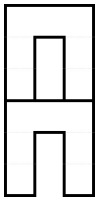
When I am sound moving, sound moving;

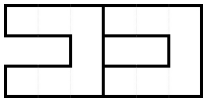
Then I am encountering troublesome and disturbing situations with great concern for the authority and way of being led by heaven and yielding heaven on earth.

Inside, I am measuring by the accurate weights and measures of heaven's leading impulse (inspecting my excesses, reflecting on their causes and consequences, and transforming them); and

Outside, I am a fragile vessel of earth's heavenly yield (correcting and controlling myself).

50 - Sign 52
Remaining Calm





CONTENTING: STILL MOUNTAINS, CALMING REPEATEDLY

When I am mountain stilling, mountain stilling;

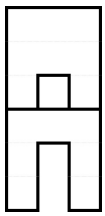
Then I am repeatedly returning to being deep, heavy, solid, real, and contented.

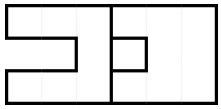
Inside, I am plowing up the soil beneath heaven's leading impulse (repeatedly returning to being calm and contented when I am stopping); and

Outside, I am selecting and choosing from the produce of earth's heavenly yield (whether I am properly acting or stopping, whether briefly or continuously, I am seizing the moment with contentment).

Degree 51 - Sign 53

Advancing Toward the Good





GROWING: TREE, STILL GROWING AND LOWING IN THE WIND AT THE TOP OF A CALM MOUNTAIN

When I am mountain stilling, wind and trees lowing and growing in the wind;

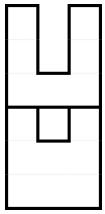
Then I am advancing my loftiness in a sequence of steps.

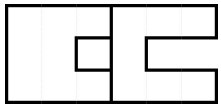
Inside, I am sheltering in the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (occupying virtues of worth and goodness); and

Outside, I am letting out and reining in earth's heavenly yield (advancing my manners and customs in worth and virtue by practicing them, step by step, and returning to contentment).

Degree 52 - Sign 54

Marrying Oneself to God





PROLONGING: SOUND, MOVING FOR A POOL OF CLEAN NOURISHMENT TO ENJOY AND ATTEND TO IT

When I am water pooling, sound moving;

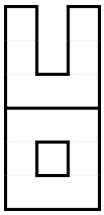
Then I am facing and reflecting on the way of beginning and ending, constancy and continuity.

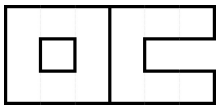
Inside, I am expanding toward heaven's leading impulse (recognizing that the cycle of being birthed and coming to rest endlessly and continuously prolongs and replenishes); and

Outside, I am opening and closing doors of opportunity for earth's heavenly yield (recognizing that everything decays and ends, but is also capable of succession and continuity).

Degree 53 - Sign 55

Moving With Enlightenment





PROGRESSING: LIGHT, ILLUMINATING THE WAY OF MOVING PROGRESS

When I am light casting, sound moving;

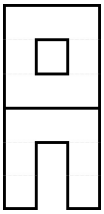
Then I am moving for enlightenment and being enlightened then moving.

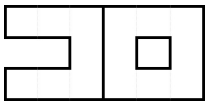
Inside, I am nourishing strength by knowing heaven's leading impulse (using illumination and examination to supply authority and decisiveness); and

Outside, I am harvesting in the produce of earth's heavenly yield (using authority and decisiveness to bring what is vile and bad to an ending).

Degree 54 - Sign 56

Stopping With Enlightenment





WITHDRAWING: MOUNTAIN, STILLING A FIRE THAT HAS NO PERMANENT PLACE

When I am mountain stilling, light casting;

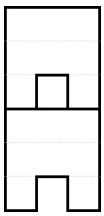
Then I am not occupying a place and I will not be relocated.

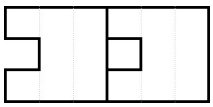
Inside, I am gathering into one unity by heaven's leading impulse (cautiously stopping and not relying on my enlightenment); and

Outside, I am guarding against the over-extension of earth's heavenly yield (not delaying a trial when something cannot be put in the past).

Degree 55 - Sign 57

Lowing On A Journey





BENDING: LOWING WIND AND GROWING TREES SUCCESSIVELY AGREEING TO FOLLOW ONE ANOTHER

When I am lowing wind and growing trees, and lowing wind and growing trees;

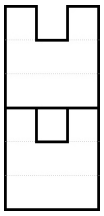
Then I am submitting to one another by submitting to principles.

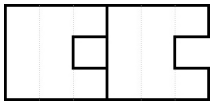
Inside, I am precisely distinguishing heaven's leading impulse (aligning with the hearts of the people by submitting all of my orders, my decrees, and affairs of my government to higher principles); and

Outside, I am distributing clean nourishment to earth's heavenly yield (going out to others and attending to others that have come to me).

Degree 56 - Sign 58

Enjoying a New Place





CONNECTING: WATER OF CLEAN JOYFUL NOURISHMENT, COMMINGLING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

When I am water pooling, water pooling;

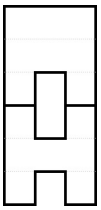
Then I am having friends in my instruction and practice to obtain the greatest joy.

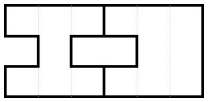
Inside, I am tying my thoughts to heaven's leading impulse (connecting with and depending on one another); and

Outside, I am a still growing tree of earth's heavenly yield (exchanging with, thriving with, and adding to one another).

Degree 57 - Sign 59

Being Spread Outward





POURING: WATER, STREAMING UP AND OUT WITH THE WIND

When I am water streaming, wind and trees lowing in the wind;

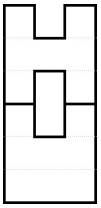
Then I am offering and sharing clean nourishment to everyone for the benefit of God.

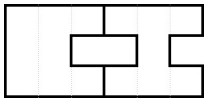
Inside, I am deciphering and filtering the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (aligning what has been scattered and binding together the hearts of the people); and

Outside, I am extending enlightenment of earth's heavenly yield (performing examples of making personal sacrifices as offerings for the Lord's temple).

Degree 58 - Sign 60

Reining In Excesses





MEASURING: WATER, POOLING AND STREAMING

When I am water pooling, water streaming;

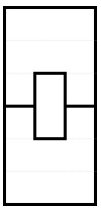
Then I am filling up and overflowing a lake of joy with a clean stream of nourishing water.

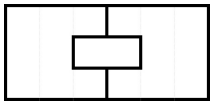
Inside, I am serving the wisdom of heaven's leading impulse (having virtues and actions that are proper and dutiful); and

Outside, I am storing and using the spirit of earth's heavenly yield (having virtues that persist in my center and that are revealed outside of me as actions).

Degree 59 - Sign 61

Centering Trust





EMPTYING: WIND, AFFECTING THE CENTER OF A LAKE OF JOYFUL NOURISHMENT

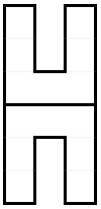
When I am water pooling, wind and trees lowing in the wind;

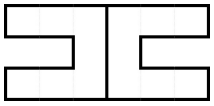
Then I am emptying out the personal desires of my own heart in order to effectively develop my pity to its maximum limit.

Inside, I am measuring by the accurate weights and measures of heaven's leading impulse (sincerely intending to be lenient and loyal to principles when discussing the affairs of the world); and

Outside, I am trimming away excesses of earth's heavenly yield (resolving matters of life and death with the maximum amount of pity and concern for others).

Degree 60 - Sign 62
Exceeding Small





EXCEEDING: SOUND, MOVING BEYOND A STILL MOUNTAIN OF VIRTUE

When I am mountain stilling, sound moving;

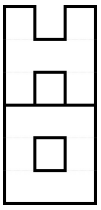
Then I am exhorting myself to be slightly excessive when the excess is fitting for a particular moment.

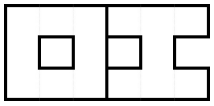
Inside, I am plowing up the hardened soil below heaven's leading impulse (exceeding what is ordinary when the excess is fitting); and

Outside, I am growing the roots of earth's heavenly yield (being excessively modest when being active, excessively sorrowful when being deprived of my abilities, and excessively thrifty when employing my tendencies).

Degree 60 - Sign 63

Crossing Through the Streaming Obstacle





COOKING: FIRE, HEATING WATER TO PRODUCE CHANGE

When I am light casting, water streaming;

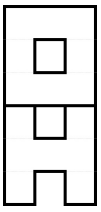
Then I am crossing through the streaming obstacle and acquiring my proper function.

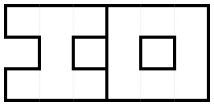
Inside, I am plowing up the hardened soil below heaven's leading impulse (only being apprehensive about the birth of distress and harm); and

Outside, I am growing the roots of earth's heavenly yield (reflecting and cheerfully defending against affliction and disorder).

Degree 60 - Sign 64

Not Crossing Through the Streaming Obstacle





BEGINNING: WATER, STREAMING A CLEAN SOURCE OF NOURISHMENT TO ENLIGHTEN MY PATH FORWARD

When I am water streaming, light casting;

Then I am occupying my own region and not crossing through the streaming obstacle.

Inside, I am plowing up the hardened soil beneath heaven's leading impulse (distinguishing what is proper for everything and every moment); and

Outside, I am growing the roots of earth's heavenly yield (cautiously placing every thing and every affair into what is fitting for the moment).